

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-17 are pending. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Claims 2 and 5-7 have been amended. New claims 16 and 17 have been added. The specification and drawings have been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 2-15 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 2 and claims 3-6 and 13-15 depending therefrom are allowable; and claim 7 and claims 8-12 depending therefrom are allowable. New claim 16 is original claim 5 rewritten in independent form by incorporating the limitations of original claim 1; while new claim 17 is original claim 6 rewritten in independent form by incorporating the limitations of original claim 1. Thus, claims 16 and 17 are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1B and 4. These sheets, which include Figs. 1B and 4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1B and 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes



